# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH PROGRAMMES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the funds allocated for various health programmes run by the Union Government are not being utilized properly;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and spent for various health programmes during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Funds allocated under the various health programmes are generally utilized in accordance with the guidelines laid down therein. During 2006-07, about 84% of the funds allocated have been utilized under various Health and Family Welfare programmes. The allocations made and expenditure incurred during the last three years in respect of major Centrally Sponsored Programmes under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and Health, is given in the annexure.

(c ) Steps initiated for better utilization of funds include inter-alia:

# Setting up of a Financial Management Group (FMG) in the Ministry to oversee the release of funds, monitor Utilization Certificates and Audit Reports;

# Establishing State/District Level Programme Management Units;

# Augmentation of accounting manpower at the level of PHCs;

# Regular monitoring by the Ministry for timely completion of plan activities;

# Issuing guidelines to states to facilitate utilization for funds and proper maintenance of accounts;

# Conducting of training programmes for skill development and capacity building of personnel.